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SUBJECT : Interagency Paper on Soviet Laser Threat

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I fully support the proposal for an interagency study on the Soviet laser threat and believe we should move out smartly. In my discussions with the Chief of Staff, General Meyer reiterated the concerns he expressed in his letter to the DCI. [redacted]

I think the approach outlined in the OSWR proposal is a good one: a WSSIC/STIC effort, monitored from here, but with DIA and SOVA also looking at the potential employment and deployment of these systems on the battlefield. It should be short and punchy, geared to the people who allocate R&D dollars rather than the bench engineers. It should be on a fairly tight schedule with a production goal that is consistent with the DoD budget cycle. [redacted]

I suggest we prepare a memorandum for Harry's signature to the chairmen of WSSIC and STIC proposing they undertake this project. I will act as the NIC referent and will discuss the details of the project with their action officers. [redacted]

Attachment:  
Reference

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